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Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team

SMART Short Term Training Calendar

June 2002

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August 2002

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SMART ALERT STATUS

SMART	On-call
NPS	On-call
Mass Care	On-call
CCP	On-call

**SMART IS RECRUITING
ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS.
PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS.
ALL SKILLS ARE NEEDED.
CALL 898-3525 TO
VOLUNTEER.**

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Training for SMART volunteers will be underway this summer. The schedule is attached.

The training calendar will be designed using short term and long term categories. Short term calendars are "locked" in to reflect planned events.

The long term calendar will be used to plan larger events or coordinate with other agencies.

Eventually, the training calendar will allow our volunteers to become oriented to SMART, become proficient in their assigned area and take on leadership roles.

Orientation and team building will be the focus of initial training this summer. The training is the same for each month, but will be offered 3 or 4 times in different locations.

Team members must attend one of the events each month beginning in August to remain on the active roster.

OSHA physicals and NDMS paperwork will be completed and the team will participate in the Emergency Response to Terrorism Course.

Additional training and service opportunities will be announced. SMART may provide medical support for concerts, sports events and fairs.

Disaster Medical Assistance Team Initiative

A Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) may be coming to Western New York.

Anthony Billittier IV, MD, FACEP, Commissioner of Health, and Mr. Michael Walters, Emergency Services Commissioner, have requested permission from the US Public Health Service (USPHS) to designate SMART as the regional DMAT.

The regional USPHS has approved the concept.

Currently, the NY State DOH is reviewing the proposal. Once NYDOH approves, the request goes to the Office of Emergency Preparedness, National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). When NDMS assigns a staff officer to our team we are a DMAT.





CDC Grant

The Department of Health and Human Services is preparing to award bioterrorism preparedness grant money to state and county governments.

Although the amount of the grant coming to each county will depend on the county Emergency Operations Plan, the eight Western New York counties expect to receive about \$1.7 million.

The grant requires that each county prepare budgets for specific focus areas. Focus Area A is preparedness and planning. The enhancement of SMART will be funded through this focus area.

Initial expenditures for SMART will provide equipment for training and response. Chris Zak expects to be able to field a complete Casualty Collection Point (CCP) using this money. The CCP

purchases will include shelters, trailers, generators, storage containers, durable supplies such as cardiac monitors and radios, and expendable supplies such as dressings and intravenous solutions.

The other CDC grant focus areas will allow the region to beef up the public health laboratory, develop epidemiology and surveillance hardware and software, conduct training, and develop public and professional education media.

Although the CDC grant is a welcome contribution to readiness, none of the focus areas can be brought to the level of readiness required with this single year of funding.

“The Erie County Hazardous Materials Organization (ECHO) provides HAZMAT training for SMART”

Members of the Erie County Hazardous Materials Organization (ECHO) hosted SMART CCP volunteers during a combined training event.

SMART CCP practiced triage scenarios and became familiar with the equipment carried on the SMART vehicles.

The ECHO team provided a safety briefing and demonstrated the method for handing off decontaminated casualties to the SMART CCP.

The training was conducted at the Erie County Fire Academy in Cheektowaga.



SMART Links

Interesting training and information is available on the web. If you have any particularly valuable sites you want to share, send the website address to dicew@erie.gov.

WWW.CDC.GOV

WWW.FEMA.GOV

HTTP://NDMS.DHHS.GOV

WWW.FBI.GOV

WWW.USAMRIID.ARMY.MIL

WWW.AFRRI.USUHS.MIL

WWW.WHITEHOUSE.GOV/HOMELAND/

WWW.PHPPO.CDC.GOV/HAN/



Checking for Pipe Bomb

National Pharmaceutical Stockpile

Members of the NPS Team will be able to train with a mockup of the NPS when training is approved by the State Department of Health (DOH).

During a meeting with NYS DOH at the Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BNIA), improvements in the NPS were discussed as well as the possibility of scheduling an exercise.

Although the NPS Team composition is unchanged, more of the NPS supplies are packaged in unit dose blister packs for quicker deployment.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has plans to double the number of NPS caches to increase the coverage and endurance of federal supplies.

Both Federal Express and the United Parcel Service (UPS) have been briefed by local emergency

planners and will support the NPS Team at either location.

The primary reception site is FEDEX at BNIA, but UPS can serve as backup.

There will be three training opportunities this summer for NPS members who can travel to the NPS training site in Alabama. Contact Tom Smith at 898-3285 if you are interested.

The local NPS plan is being written and will be refined during training this year.



Buffalo Niagara International Airport

Casualty Collection Point

The Casualty Collection Point (CCP) is led by the Emergency Medical Services Fellow from the Department of Emergency Medicine at Erie County Medical Center.

The big news for the CCP is equipment. The CDC grant will allow for purchase of tents, generators, and other durable and expendable supplies. The purchase orders will be going in this month for initial orders.

Chris Zak is the CCP Executive Director. Chris is responsible for coordinating all SMART activities as well as managing training and delegating as-

signments to other team members.

The goal of the CCP is to rapidly deploy to a multiple casualty incident, set up equipment, triage, stabilize, and evacuate casualties. The CCP will be under the direction of the Incident Commander and in communication with the Medical Emergency Radio System (MERS).

Over the next year the CCP will receive equipment and become familiar with each team member's roles and responsibilities. There are plans to include local events such as Bills games, Special Olympics, concerts and fairs in the training calendar.

"Local events such as Bills games and concerts will be included in the CCP training calendar"

Mass Care

SMART Mass Care is responsible for distribution of the medications following an attack with agents like anthrax as well as for vaccination to break a smallpox epidemic.

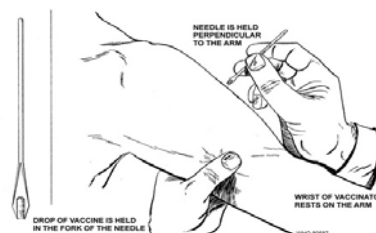
The core of the SMART MC is being organized with the help of regional nursing schools. Nurse educators have met to identify requirements for training and to determine the composition of each team.

Distribution sites are being selected using com-

puter assisted population maps. In addition to delivery of vaccine and drugs, the SMART MC will be responsible for training volunteers as they arrive at the distribution sites.

SMART MC will be required to supervise over 1500 volunteers during the response to any biological attack.

Multipuncture vaccination by bifurcated needle



Smallpox vaccination requires a special technique using a bifurcated needle



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The Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team (SMART) was organized in 1998. The concept for SMART grew from the Erie County Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine faculty experience with hospital based disaster response teams.

Initial funding for SMART was provided through a grant sponsored by Senator Stachowski. Since its conception, University Emergency Medical Services operates and provides additional funding for SMART.

Currently, SMART is expanding to respond to the increased threat of a catastrophic public health emergency due to the use of weapons of mass destruction. SMART capabilities include disaster assessment, casualty collection and medical management, National Pharmaceutical Stockpile management, and management of public health emergencies. SMART is designated in the regional emergency preparedness plan and provides support for local and federal SWAT teams as well as EMS agencies.

SMART STATS

ENROLLMENT: 197

ACTIVITY REPORT

Requests:

MCI:	4
SWAT:	2
BT:	1

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Lines of people waiting to be vaccinated for smallpox snaking through New York in 1947.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Call Cara if you are available.

Special Olympics 13-15 June